



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF QUINCY

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NEWSLETTER

CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP?

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, membership is open to all who choose to walk with us in the spirit of love and fellowship.

If you are considering membership in the Quincy Unitarian Church, please send a message to Dienna Drew, Membership chair – dienna2900@att.net – or phone, 217-223-4144, with any questions you have, or speak to any board member.

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FIRST FRIDAY

Sierra Williams will host our August 2nd First Friday again this year! Please come to 634 Lind st. around 6:30pm and bring something sweet or savory to share and whatever your drink pleasure is. There is a fire pit in her back yard for guests to enjoy so she suggests bringing your own lawn chair.

JIM DREW

I appreciate the sympathy cards and loving thoughts I have received – thank you.

Dienna Drew ♥

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE LUNCHEON: SEPTEMBER 17TH @ SPROUTS

In June, members of the Women's Alliance chose to restructure the organization. Formalities were put aside. We are an open and inclusive social group now. However, some minimal planning for lunch meetings will guide us. Our first luncheon will be at Sprouts Restaurant on Tuesday, September 17 at 11:00 AM. Sprouts is located at 2814 North 12th Street in Quincy, north of the Illinois Veterans Home. Each of us will pay for our own meal. You can bring a non perishable item for the Wayside Pantries. We will reserve a table, and a reminder will go out ahead of time.

No Business Meeting, no annual dues, no guest speaker, just a relaxed time to gather and talk. Please mark September 17, 11 am, on your calendar, and bring a friend or relative with you. Questions? Ask Leann F., Mary Beth G., Dona R., or Susan D.

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, August 24th from 9am--1pm in the Garden Room of the church. We will begin setup on Thursday from 1pm till 6pm. This is the time when tables will be brought up from the basement (if necessary) and arranged and areas carved out for certain stations. People may begin bringing their items for sale at this time.

Friday is from 11am-6pm and the last day that you may also bring your items in. We need extra time on Friday to finish arranging all the items and pricing everything. We would love to have extra hands to help price as that is some tedious work but the time passes quicker as we have good conversations and a better time with several people.

Please touch base with Leann Flanagan if you have clothing, accessories, and jewelry in good condition. Leann is the point person for these items.

Chris Wiewel is once again this year offering her van if anyone has large, bulky items they wish to transport to the sale.

The Unitarians try hard to offer clean, quality sale items at a reasonable price. Items that have been good sellers in the past arekitchen goods, linens, games (no missing pieces please!) small furniture pieces, small appliances (must work!) dishware, stemware, children's toys, contemporary and children's books.

We will need as many hands on deck the day of the sale and at least 4 people who can rotate at the checkout table in the foyer. Any additional staff could assist customers carry their purchases to their vehicles if necessary. Also please stay to help clean up and assist Chris load up her van as all extra non-saleables go to the Ladies of Charity on 24th St.

Please come to the sale the morning of at 8:30am and park at least a block away so the customers can have the prime parking spots!

Contact people...

Leann Flanagan.....clothing, accessories, jewelry

Chris Wiewel.....van availability

Susan Deege/Julie Cook.....books

Mary Beth Gapinski.....everything else

All contact people's info is in the church directory but please contact Mary Beth if you don't have one and need a phone number.

Let's make this fundraiser another great money-maker for the church!

Mary Beth Gapinski, Chair

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR FINAL INFORMATION

The Back to School Fair time is here! Volunteers are requested to fill the backpacks with all the purchased supplies on Friday, August 2, 9:30am in the Garden Room. It will take about an hour of your time to complete this task. After completion we will transport them to Iles Elementary School for the early Saturday morning event. A few volunteers are requested for Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00am to give our 40 Kindergarten Girl Backpacks to attendees. (So much fun to help them choose a backpack and see their smiles!) We will also be donating several Jr/Sr High backpacks. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7:30am. Iles Elementary School address: 3111 North 12th Street. Park in the back and enter through the gymnasium door.

IN HONOR OF MY MOTHER...

This is in honor of my mother, Bertha Danhaus, who would have been 114 July 26.

This is what she wrote in response to the question "Why does there need to be a Unitarian Church in Quincy?"

I think the Unitarian Church is unique because it has and has had its ears, eyes, heart, and memory open. Our community deserves the influence of a church that pioneers in thought and action. There are people who appreciate a church in the frontier of thought. All Unitarian Churches are not at the same level because freedom of thought rules out uniformity. The church provides the opportunity to learn and recognize tolerance as the members become acquainted with a myriad of backgrounds and trends.

This church is appreciated by people who have matured beyond the "herd" instinct, who still wish to be a part of today's society, but without conforming to thoughtless patterns. Every community needs a church which writes new history every season, in contrast to most churches that are yoked by a closed Bible, known as canon.

It is not easy to keep a safe balance in this atmosphere of impatience, gadfly, tolerance, understanding, reaching both back and ahead for the highest values in living, but it is lively and exciting. After this experience, there is no savoring of orthodox churches with their prescribed uniformity. The Unitarian's life is completely involved in his or her church; it is not a Sunday ritual.

For many individuals the Unitarian Church is a haven because they cannot be themselves in any other religious group.

As a footnote to the above constant involvement, there are also ceremonies in all lives. Here we have the freedom to search ourselves and come up with our truest expressions for these special events.

Bertha Danhaus, 1974